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Michael Tymkiw
President, Primary Care Division
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Re: Woven Gauze Sponges, Sterile (Models NON21420, NON21422, NON21448, NON21424, NON21842, NON21426, NON21428, NON21425, NON21429, NON21423)
100% Cotton Drain Sponges, Sterile (Model NON255000) Non-Adherent Pads (Models NON25700, NON25710, NON25720)
X-Ray Detectable Woven Gauze Sponges, Sterile (Models NON21430LF, NON21432LF, NON21433, NON21438)
Avant Deluxe Gauze Sponges, Sterile (Models NON262242, NON264442)
Avant Gauze Non-Woven Sponges, Sterile (Models NON21224, NON21334, NON21444, NON21446)
Avant Gauze Sterile Drain Sponges (Models NON256000, NON256001)
Avant Gauze Sponge (Model NON21449)
Accu-Sorb Blended Gauze Sponges, Sterile (Models NON272242, NON274442)
Bulkee Super Fluff Sponges, Sterile (NON25852, NON25853, NON25854, NON25856, NON25844, NON25884)
Caring Gauze Sponges, Sterile (Models PRM2208, PRM3312, PRM4408, PRM4412, PRM21419, PRM21421, PRM1423, PRM9408)

Dear Mr. Tymkiw:

The SADMERC and the four Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERCs) have completed the HCPCS Coding Verification Review on October 19, 2004 for the above listed product(s) manufactured by your company. This review resulted in a consensus coding decision.

It is our determination that the surgical dressings, meet the description for a HCPCS code as assigned in the DMERC Medical Policy for Surgical Dressings. Therefore, the Correct Medicare billing code(s) for the product(s) is/are:

A6402 Gauze, non-impregnated, sterile, pad size 16 sq. in. or less, without adhesive border, each dressing for Models NON21420, NON21422, NON21448, NON21424, NON21426,

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